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1. INDUSTRY STATISTICS JUST RELEASED SHOW NIGERIAN CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION AVERAGED 1.56 MILLION BARRELS PER DAY IN MAY. SHELL-BP, THE LARGEST PRODUCER BY FAR, ENDED FIVE-MONTH DOWN-TREND, AND TEXACO/CHEVERON PRODUCED FIRST OIL IN A YEAR, BUT DECLINES BY GULF, MOBIL, AND ELF MORE THAN OFFSET THE GAINS, AND COMBINED AVERAGE RATE DROPPED FOR SEVENTH MONTH IN A ROW.

2. FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS PROVISSIONAL RATE IN BARRELS PER DAY FOR SHELL-BP, AGIP/PHILLIPS, AND ELF AND FINAL FIGURES FOR GULF, MOBIL, AND TEXACO IN MAY TOGETHER WITH FINAL REVISED FIGURES FOR ALL COMPANIES IN APRIL.

	APRIL -----	MAY -----
SHELL-BP	943,793	993,000
GULF	224,575	165,435
MOBIL	219,023	178,253
AGIP/PHILLIPS	157,817	153,000
ELF	76,189	60,000
TEXACO/CHEVRON	0	7,440
NNOC/ASHLAND	0	0
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ALL COMPANIES	1,621,397	1,557,128

3. CRUDE EXPORTS AVERAGED 1,44,706 B/D IN MAY AND DELIVERIES TO THE REFINERY AVERAGED 56,443 B/D.

4. ASHLAND OIL WAS READY TO BEGIN PRODUCTION IN MAY BUT DID NOT RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION FROM MINISTRY OF MINES AND POWER UNTIL JUNE. 5. PRODUCTION COMMENCED SAME DAY AND SOON REACHED MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE RATE OF 9,900 B/D. SINCE ASHLAND OPERATES UNDER PRODUCTION SHARING CONTRACT WITH NIGERIAN NATIONAL OIL CORPORATION (NNOC), THIS REPRESENTS START-UP OF NNOC'S "OWN" OIL PRODUCTION. SINCE ASHLAND'S IS THE ONLY SUCH CONTRACT NNOC WILL NOT HAVE OTHER PRODUCTION FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE.  
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